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1.3C The two meanings of 'for' [> LEG 1.13.3]

Study:

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- 1 We can use *for* after all verbs which have two objects [> 1.3A].
- 2 When we use *for* after verbs normally followed by *to* (*give, post, read, sell, show, tell, etc.*) it can mean 'instead of': *I'll post it for you.* (= to save you the trouble)
- 3 When we use *for* after verbs normally followed by *for* (*buy, choose, do, find, keep, order, etc.*) the meaning depends on the context. It can mean 'for someone's benefit':
Mother cooked a lovely meal for me. (= for my benefit, for me to enjoy)
It can mean 'on someone's behalf/instead of':
I'll cook the dinner for you. (on your behalf/instead of you – to save you the trouble)

Write: Tick (✓) to show whether *for* means 'instead of you/me' or 'for your/my benefit'.

	'instead of'	'for your/my benefit'
1 I've cooked a meal for you and I hope you enjoy it.	—	✓
2 Let me cook the dinner for you this evening. – Thanks!	—	—
3 I've made this cake for you. Do you like it?	—	—
4 I'll post this letter for you, shall I?	—	—
5 I've bought this especially for you.	—	—
6 I've got some change. Let me pay the bill for you.	—	—
7 As you're busy, let me book a room for you.	—	—
8 I've saved some of this pudding for you.	—	—
9 I can't choose a tie myself. Please choose one for me.	—	—
10 My father has bought a wonderful present for me.	—	—

1.3D Context

Write: Put a tick (✓) where you think you can change the word order.

A CURE FOR HYSTERIA

When I was a girl, my parents sent me to a very strict school. They had to *buy an expensive uniform for me* ¹ ✓ and *pay school fees for me* ² _____. Our headmistress, Miss Prim, never smiled. She *explained the school rules to us* ³ ____ and expected us to obey them. 'I will never *say anything to you* ⁴ ____ twice,' she used to say. We had to *write a letter to our parents* ⁵ ____ once a week and *show it to Miss Prim* ⁶ ____ before we sent it. I can still remember some of the school rules. We were not allowed to *lend anything to anyone* ⁷ _____. We were not allowed to *give each other help* ⁸ ____ with homework. We had to *report unusual situations to the headmistress* ⁹ _____. One morning, during assembly, a girl fainted. The next morning, two more fainted. This continued to happen for several mornings. Mass hysteria had set in! But Miss Prim put an end to it. She *announced a new rule to us* ¹⁰ ____: 'No girl will faint in College!' And after that, no one did!



No girl will faint in College!